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Mississippian Cites 2 Cases In Letter To 'Ike'

GREENWOOD, Miss., May 24.
(UP)—Robert B. Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Association of Citizens Councils, Friday cited two cases where racial integration "hastened" the death of two white veterans.

Mr. Patterson wrote President Eisenhower asking him to issue an executive order giving patients a choice of segregated or integrated VA hospital wards.

Mr. Patterson said two white residents of Indianola, Miss., were placed in a veterans hospital ward between Negroes. One, with a heart condition, was bathed in a tub that had been used minutes before for a Negro.

Both men died, Mr. Patterson said, "and I believe that integration hastened their passing."